

SENATE BILL 729  
By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-236, relative to prisoner sentence reduction credits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-236, is amended by adding the following new subsection (k):

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(1) In addition to the good institutional behavior credits authorized by subsection (a) of this section, additional prisoner sentence reduction credits in accordance with subpart (2) of this subsection may, in the discretion of the responsible warden, be awarded to any prisoner who provides information to the department leading to the prevention of or who prevents the commission of a Class A disciplinary offense by another prisoner that involves:

(A) Death or serious bodily injury to a department employee or another prisoner or the threat of death or serious bodily injury to such persons;

(B) Escape;

(C) Rape;

(D) Arson;

(E) Riot; or

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(F) Any other offense the department determines to be serious and the prevention of which is vital to the health and safety of employees and other prisoners.

(2) A warden who determines that a prisoner merits the additional sentence reduction credits authorized by this subsection may award such credits in an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of that portion of the prisoner's sentence that must be served before the prisoner's first release eligibility date.

(3) Any additional sentence reduction credits awarded pursuant to this subsection shall affect only the prisoner's release eligibility date and shall not reduce such prisoner's sentence expiration date.

(4) In order to protect the security of the prisoner providing information, the award of any additional sentence reduction credits pursuant to this subsection shall be confidential and known only to the department, the prisoner, the board of paroles, and, if executive clemency is being sought, the governor.

(5) The provisions of subsections (d), (e) and (h) of this section shall also apply to the additional sentence reduction credits authorized by this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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